

Trail News - November 3, 2015



Next Meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council: Thursday, November 12

The next meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the Hartland Public Library. It is located at 110 East Park Ave. in Hartland. The meeting will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The State Trails Council is appointed by the Governor to provide state trail user groups and individuals a voice in the statewide trails program. The STC also provides a forum for dealing with solutions to conflicts between and within trail user groups and trail providers. Additionally, the STC provides advice and consultation to the Department of Natural Resources regarding the planning, acquisition, development and management of trails in Wisconsin.

Agenda items will include council member updates, DNR report, presentations from local trail managers and demonstrations of mapping applications. Information about the STC, along with November meeting materials, is available online on the [STC page](#).

Please RSVP by November 9, 2015 (daniel.buckler@wisconsin.gov) if you are planning to attend the November 12 meeting. Lunch will be provided for State Trails Council members and DNR staff.

State Trails Council Seeking New Member to Represent Water Trails

The Wisconsin Governor's State Trails Council is seeking a new member to represent nonmotorized water trails. In addition to more information about the State Trails Council, the [application form](#) and instructions, [position description](#) and overview of the [application](#)

[process](#) are available on the [State Trails Council website](#).

State Trails Council meetings are conducted during business hours four times each year. Meetings are scheduled at varying locations around the state. Applicants must be committed to attending these meetings and working as part of a council which may involve committee or individual work apart from formal council meetings.

Interested applicants should submit an application by December 15, 2015.

Friends Grants Applications Due November 15

Friends groups, nonprofit conservation organizations and property managers are reminded that the deadline for Stewardship Property Development Grant applications is **November 15, 2015**. The Stewardship program provides grants to friends groups and NCOs, with a limit of \$20,000 per property, with grants awarded for up to 50 percent of project costs. The project sponsor is responsible for the other 50+ percent, though up to 50 percent of that contribution can be composed of non-cash donations.

The sponsoring group must submit their application, along with all required attachments and signatures, to the property manager for review.

For more information, please see the [grants to friends groups website](#). For specific project questions, please contact [Patty Loosen](#) (608-264-8994). For questions about the grant program, please contact [Beth Norquist](#) (715-839-3751). Submission of hard copies is preferred, postmarked by November 15.

Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Application Now Available

Many of the activities previously funded under Transportation Enhancements and Safe Routes to School programs are now part of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). An application is now available for TAP funding: <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/aid/tap.aspx>. The program is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and applications are due by January 29, 2016.
